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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director for Intelligence

NIO/Economics

Special Assistant to the Director

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Pipeline SNIE

- 1. I worked over the pipeline Estimate last night. The Key Judgments are tight but a little too sparse. Generally, ____draft of the Key Judgments is too argumentative. I have done a quick redraft of the Key Judgments, principally adding points on the consequences to be expected from cutting back on help and subsidy to the Soviet economy. I took most of the points from the Estimate itself but I didn't have time to edit them down, make them tighter and leaner, and eliminate any overlappings between them and so this draft will need some quick work.
- 2. Somewhere in the Estimate there should be a judgment on the relative significance of the three major forms of aid that could be withheld. In relative value I put them this way:
- -- Avoidance of further gas imports, by far the most important, worth something like \$10 billion in the 1990's
- -- Withholding oil equipment and technology worth 10% of Soviet oil production, having a market value of ? \$25 x \$1 million a day?
 - -- Subsidized credits worth \$1/2 billion a year in interest costs
- 3. This doesn't have to be exact but we should lay out the relative value of each of these and insert a fourth one, put this first, withholding militarily sensitive technology is perhaps the most valuable because it can require us to spend billions of dollars a year to counter -- hard to measure.
- 4. See if you can work out some estimates on the relative value of these factors.

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